

House Bill 672 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide for continued insurance coverage for certain former members  
2 of the board of commissioners of Whitfield County, certain former county officers of  
3 Whitfield County, and certain spouses and eligible dependents thereof, approved March 28,  
4 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4663), so as to provide that the authorization to elect continued group  
5 health insurance coverage of those members, officers, and the spouses and eligible  
6 dependents of those individuals employed or elected on or after the effective date of this Act  
7 shall no longer be available to such individuals once they are no longer serving as members  
8 or officers; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
9 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 An Act to provide for continued insurance coverage for certain former members of the board  
13 of commissioners of Whitfield County, certain former county officers of Whitfield County,  
14 and certain spouses and eligible dependents thereof, approved March 28, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990,  
15 p. 4663), is amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

16 "SECTION 1.

17 (a) All former members of the board of commissioners of Whitfield County, all former  
18 constitutional county officers of Whitfield County as specified in Article IX, Section I,  
19 Paragraph III(a) of the Constitution, and the spouses and eligible dependents of such  
20 former or deceased members or officers who participated in group health insurance  
21 coverage during the term of office of such member or officer shall, upon written request  
22 to the governing authority of Whitfield County, be authorized to continue to receive such  
23 insurance coverage, except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section. Any such  
24 insured person shall pay the entire cost of the premium for such coverage and shall

reimburse Whitfield County for any expense incurred by such county in the provision of such insurance coverage.

(b) All former members of the board of commissioners of Whitfield County, all former constitutional county officers of Whitfield County as specified in Article IX, Section I, Paragraph III(a) of the Constitution, and the spouses and eligible dependents of such former or deceased members or officers who participated in group health insurance coverage during the term of office of such member or officer and who chose to continue to receive such insurance coverage pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, upon reaching 65 years of age or older or otherwise becoming medicare eligible, shall not be authorized to continue to receive such insurance coverage.

(c) All members of the board of commissioners of Whitfield County and all constitutional county officers of Whitfield County as specified in Article IX, Section I, Paragraph III(a) of the Constitution taking office on or after the effective date of this Act, and the spouses and eligible dependents of such members or officers who participate in group health insurance, shall not be authorized to continue to receive such insurance coverage after such member or officer is no longer serving in his or her capacity as a member of the board of commissioners or as a county officer."

## **SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

## **SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.